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SUBJECT: SUBMARINE OIL PRODUCTION SYSTEM

1. MITI/AIST HAS DRAWN UP BASIC PLAN FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON A SUBMARINE OIL PRODUCTION SYSTEM. IT HAS PROPOSED SPENDING ABOUT 15 BILLION YEN IN SEVEN YEARS, BEGINNING IN JFY 1978, TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OPERATING AT DEPTH OF 300 METERS OR BEYOND BY 1984. ON JULY 10, MITI BEGAN MAKING SOLICITATIONS TO RESEARCH CONTRACTORS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND WILL SELECT A CONTRACTOR BY END OF AUGUST.

2. THE PLAN CALLS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTEGRATED SUB-MARINE OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION SYSTEM COVERING ALL SEPARATE SUB-SYSTEMS SUCH AS PIT, PIPELINE, MANIFOLD AND RISER/STORAGE. OBJECTIVE IS TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM WHICH (A) IS SAFE AND RELIABLE IN DEEP WATER; (B) IS CAPABLE OF ECONOMICAL PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS; (C) DOES NOT REQUIRE DIVER OPERATIONS IN EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION,
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MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR; AND (D) DOES NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT FISHERIES AND THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

4. TO ATTAIN THE OBJECTIVE, A NEW PRODUCTION SYSTEM, REPLACING THE CONVENTIONAL FIXED PLATFORM SYSTEM, WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE OCEAN BED. THE SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCTION OF THE COST OF OFFSHORE OIL

PRODUCTION. A MITI/AIST ESTIMATE PUTS MARGINAL COST OF
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